Elk Grove Park District
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2022   6:00 p.m.

President Cooke called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

In attendance: President Cooke, Commissioner Biedke, Commissioner Carlson,
                    Commissioner O'Malley, Commissioner Walz

Staff: Ben Curcio, Kelly Carbon, Tiffany Greene, Mark Kosbab, Brad Sholes

Guests: Liz Dafoe, Upland Design Ltd.
                    Jeff Collier, Superintendent of Facilities

DISCUSSION ON MARSHALL PARK DESIGN

Liz Dafoe shared the Marshall Park Renovation Design Development plans. She gave an
overview of the amenities that will be included in the design and their location within the park.
She stated the amenities were selected based on feedback from the two public meetings and a
survey that was conducted regarding the park. The design includes a playground, splash pad,
picnic shelter, fitness stations, walking trail, a soccer field with bleachers and a basketball court.
There is also plenty of open land space for the potential of future development. The splash pad
will have a bollard to activate the water so it only runs when there are patrons, or can be
programmed to turn on/off on a schedule. Commissioner Carlson questioned how much the cost
of water may be for the splash pad. President Cooke asked staff to calculate that cost. President
Cooke also questioned if parents would have a good view of the splash pad while sitting at the
shade structures. Liz said she can look into adding more shade structures near the splash pad.

Commissioner O'Malley is concerned that the playground area will be too young for the older
kids. He was informed that the large net structure is not too young for older kids and the picture
does not do it justice. Commissioner O'Malley also asked if lights could be added on the soccer
field.

Commissioner Walz said he would love to see a wiffle ball field incorporated into the design. Liz
responded whatever plans were in the initial design for the OSLAD grant would need to be in the
park and the area is already pretty maxed out but it could possibly be added to the open space, or
something may be able to be swapped out later down the road. Director Curcio said the plans can
be reviewed again at the next meeting and he will also provide some budget numbers.

Executive Director Curcio said in regards to the resident that wrote a letter asking for a Memory
Lane Park for seniors, this can be discussed at the next meeting but maybe some of her ideas can
be incorporated into the park behind Hattendorf.

DISCUSSION ON RBF AND PAC HOURS OF OPERATION

Executive Director Curcio led the discussion on the hours of operation at Rainbow Falls due to a shortage in lifeguards. Director Curcio stated that staff has done a great job of keeping the park fully staffed, but the next three weeks will be tough. Currently 32 lifeguards are needed for each of the two shifts. Director Curcio proposed two options for the rest of the regular season. Option one would be to close sections of the park, although he is not in favor of doing that.

Option two is to close the park at 6:00pm rather than 8:00pm Monday through Friday. Director Curcio explained that option two would eliminate the need for a second shift of lifeguards. Director Curcio added that if the park closes at 6:00pm, the twilight hours will change to 4:00-6:00pm, and suggested that Rainbow Falls members be allowed to go to the Pavilion Aquatics Center from 6:00-8:00pm free of charge.

Commissioner O'Malley suggested discussing ways to reduce the number of lifeguards. Jeff Collier responded that IDPH, Ellis and PDRMA all require that we have lifeguards.

The consensus of the Board was to close Rainbow Falls at 6:00pm on weekdays beginning Monday, July 18, and to allow Rainbow Falls members use of the Pavilion Aquatics Center free of charge from 6:00-8:00pm Monday through Friday.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Carlson moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Commissioner Biedke seconded the motion.

    Ayes: Commissioners Biedke, Carlson, O'Malley, Walz and President Cooke
    Nays: None

Motion Carried